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Unemployment Faces Millions After V-E Day

Burke Receives PAC Endorsement

Corrected PR Repeal Petitions Given Approval By Group

Tom Burke, CIO member of city council announced his candidacy for reelection and gave an accounting of his stewardship at a general meeting of the Toledo Area PAC on April 30 at Local 12 headquarters.

Attorneys Harry B. Kirtland and Carl B. Christensen, the latter chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Repeal of PR, addressed the meeting. The two attorneys drew up a new petition for repeal of the PR system of electing city councilmen after the first petition, which had been circulated and signed by 3500 persons, was found to be in error.

Discusses Rejected Ordinance

In discussing legislation upon which he had acted as a member of city council, Councilman Burke told the PAC members that the first piece of controversial legislation backed by labor in Toledo, the black market ordinance of March 1944,

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Tom Burke

Laundry Kickback Aids Co. Union

WASHINGTON May 2 (LPA) —Note to anti-labor employers:

Have you despaired of finding any new secret way of financing your company union? Has your company union languished because you can't feed it union-busting dough the way you used to?

Then try the Weirton way; it's simple. You collect money from your employes for laundry service. You turn this over to the laundry and the laundry kicks back 20% to the company union!

The Weirton Way

NLRB records here show that the technique was employed by no less an authority on union busting than Weirton Steel, Weirton, W. Va. A 20% kickback on all Weirton Steel laundry business was gathered up by the Weirton Indepedent Union since 1941. Several thousand dollars in 20% "commissions"' therefore went from workers' pockets to the stooges operating the company union. From September to November 1943, it was brought out, $1800 was paid by Wirton to the laundry and the company union collected its 20%.

"The Facts," published by the United Steelworkers-CIO at Weirton, demolished for once and for all the company union's boast that its dues are only $4 a year.

Election Ordered For Surface Combustion

Despite the fact that the AFL lost an NLRB election to Local 12, UAW-CIO, Feb. 16, 1943 after dissatisfied Surface Combustion employees had come to Local 12 and asked to be taken into the Auto Workers, the AFL has petitioned and received permission to become a party to another representation election which will be held this month.

Local 12 and Surface Combustion Unit officers feel confident that the workers at the plant will not vote to take back a union which was repudiated more than two years ago for failing to benefit the workers. This is particularly true in the face of the gains which have been made for company employees by Local 12 despite stiff opposition from the company management and the slowness of the War Labor Board to render prompt decisions.

In the election two years ago, 168 workers voted for the UAW-CIO with only 93 votes going to the AFL. No expense was spared by the rival union in holding the plant workers, including a carload of girls who were sent to the plant to "persuade" workers to stick with a

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MESA Is Confused

Efforts of the MESA to raid the Packard Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO reveals that the former organization is either confused itself, or is seeking to confuse Packard UAW workers.

In a letter, dated April 26, to Mr. D. Livesay, Packard Motor Co. personnel director, the MESA in its opening paragraph stated:

"This is to advice (sic) you that majority of the employees in the Packard Motor Car Company (Toledo Division) in the Production Departments have designated the MESA Local No. 3 as exclusive bargaining agent for such employees."

In a letter to UAW-CIO Packard members issued April 22, the MESA contradicted its later statement by advising UAW-CIO members:

"You must pay your dues in the UAW-CIO until the election so you won't be descriminated (sic) by the assessment collectors of Local 12 CIO, as they have bargaining rights for you.

Cannot Be Both

Packard Unit officials are pointing out that the MESA in its letter to the company management stated that it held bargaining rights, but in its letter to UAW-CIO members said that Local 12 held the bargaining rights, a contradiction which would prove that both statements cannot be true. Either the MESA is lying to the management or to UAW workers in the plant, according to UAW members of the Packard Committee who say that in either case, the MESA is lying.

Present raiding efforts at Packard are believed to be an outgrowth of Matt Smith's stinging defeat at the hands of Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director late last year when Smith, national MESA secretary called a general strike in Toledo and Detroit in an effort to prevent Local 12 from disciplining its own members.

Army Sent In

United States Army forces were ordered into Toledo to reopen the MESA struck plants. All UAW-CIO plants operated despite the strike, and Auto-Lite where the trouble originated, was able to maintain normal production. Matt Smith hurried to Toledo to save the day realizing that his Auto-Lite Unit was about to slip from his grasp.

Negotiations between Matt Smith and Regional Director Gosser were participated in by army officials seeking to bring about peace. Smith beat an ignominous retreat after his

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Local 12 Women's Recreational Committee

Members of Local 12's Recreational Committee met recently in the first recreation night sponsored by the Local at the YWCA. They are seated left to right: Louise McNought, Margaret Lather, Alice Palmer, Mildred Jeffrey, Detroit, Director, UAW-CIO Women's Bureau, War Policy Division; Merle Kerchman, Local 12 Women's Recreation Director and Irene Cherry. Standing: Norma Schaefer, Wanda Dudkowski, Virginia Woods, Dolores Woods, Martha Izbinski and Bessie Murava.

OPA Labor Group Considers Picketing

Separate Meetings To Be Held Protest Against OPA Inefficiency

Members of the OPA labor advisory committee, indignant over the lack of action on the part of local OPA officials in combatting a growing Toledo area black market, announced Wednesday night that they would hold no further meetings at the district OPA offices, but would meet alternately at the headquarters of the Toledo Industrial Union Council and Central Labor Union.

In discussing the ineffective enforcement of OPA regulations in the Toledo area, several members of the committee expressed the view that a joint picket line by CIO, AFL and Railroad Unions might stimulate local OPA officials to more sincere efforts. A picket line established two years ago by CIO members at OPA headquarters accomplished beneficial results for a short time.

Committee Is Indignant

Indignation ran high at Wednesday's meeting among committee members for what they termed the OPA's "run-around" of complaints lodged by labor members and a lack of cooperation in searching out and prosecuting violators of OPA regulations.

A resolution was passed which will be sent to local OPA officials recommending employment of a "capable and experienced man" to take charge of law enforcement. Several names were suggested which will very likely be turned over to the district OPA office.

Members of the committee have requested that complaints of consumers on over ceiling prices and other infractions of OPA regulations be turned in either at the Central Labor Union, or at the Toledo Industrial Union Council.

Increased reports of black market operations in the Toledo area, plus the indifference of the district OPA office in handling complaints and suggestions advanced by labor committee members led to Wednesday's night meeting. Suggestions made by members when carried out should either bring about more effective law enforcement or a drastic shakeup in local OPA.

Tune In WTOL Every Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

A-L Council Elects Officers

Members of the Auto-Lite Intracorporation Council, meeting in Toledo April 28, held their annual election of officers and re-elected Orville Evenson, LaCrosse, Wis. to succeed himself as president.

Other top officers elected were treasurer, Grace Johnson, Springfield; vice-president, Erwin Rathke, Bay City; trustees, Fred Raesler, Syracuse; William Groeber, Springfield and Charles Stearn, Fostoria.

Elect Bargaining Committee

A seven man bargaining committee was elected which will have as its principal duty study and consideration of a national wage agreement. Those elected were Orville Evenson, Virgil Barnhart, Toledo; William Groeber, Fred Raesler, Luther Borland, Bay City; Walter Barrick, Niagara Falls and Milton Reiss, Fostoria. John Beggs, chairman of the Toledo Auto-Lite Unit was chosen as an alternate.

Richard Gosser, regional director of Region 2-B, UAW-CIO and director of the Auto-Lite Council welcomed the meeting to Toledo and discussed the proposed national wage agreement.

Recommends Change

Director Gosser in discussing the tentative national contract told the delegates that there was one change which he had to recommend in one clause. He told of the work which had been done to compile data bearing on plants, minimum wages, hours, vacations and other contract details and asked all shops represented to cooperate in sending information to enable the drawing up of a complete chart bearing on these contract phases.

All members of the Council were advised by Director Gosser to decide if they wished to become parties to a national Auto-Lite Contract.

Ralph Brown, assistant Auto-Lite Council director reported on the progress of the organization and urged all the member shops to send in their information bearing upon the national bargaining committee setup.

Niagara Falls was selected by the delegates as their next conference city and set July 26 as the date for the meeting.

Gl's, Vets, Get Red Cross Funds

WASHINGTON, (LPA) — Last month more than $1,800,000 went to veterans, servicemen and their families, Red Cross chapters report. The requests for assistance continue to average approximately $1,626,000 a month, but it is expected that as men are discharged from the armed services, financial aid for veterans will soon equal and then outrun the sums now extended to servicemen and their families. The vet's aid total jumped 53% in the past three months, the report reveals, usually for general living expenses, while waiting for claims to be settled as subsistence until the veteran is working.

Production Cutbacks Now Affecting Many Wartime Industries

WASHINGTON, May 3 (LPA) — Production cutbacks that will throw some 1,500,000 workers out of their jobs during the six-month period following V-E Day are now practically taken for granted by War Production Board officials.

Even this estimate may be too low, however, it is admitted. The 1,500,000 figure is based on a 10-12% cutback but some WPB authorities believe that the total will be closer to 25% during the first few months after V-E Day.

In spite of this, however, top WPB authorities insist on referring to this unemployment as "fractional" — expected to last only until the resumption of civilian production can absorb those laid off. A current WPB memorandum admits that the period between the layoffs and resumption of civilian production at even the limited rate at which many sec-

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UAW Proposes Program

DETROIT, May 1 (LPA) — A startling program calling for the production of 10,000,000 cars and the employment of 900,000 workers per year during the postwar period was advanced last week by President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers-CIO.

The UAW plan also urged that the auto industry reduce the price of cars and trucks in the postwar years rather than increase them, as in now contemplated. Reduced car prices plus maintenance of a high level of income among consumers would easily make possible 10,000,000-car-a-year production, the UAW head said.

To make possible the creation of purchasing power which would enable the auto industry to dispose of 10,000,000 cars a year within five years after V-E Day.

Price Control Urged

That firm price control be maintained during the reconversion period; carrying through of a speedy reconversion aimed at a 60,000,000 job economy; reduction of taxes on lower incomes; immediate and substantial wage increases; the protection of farm income; creation of an annual wage in all industries; full government support for needed public works; carrying through of the United Nations program of world, political and economic cooperation; and finally, the promotion of sound industrial relations.

UAW Wins Fight For Maintenance Workers

DETROIT, May 1 (LPA)— Fifty-three thousand maintenance workers in 135 war plants under contract with the United Auto Workers-CIO have won wage increases of 5c-an-hour and the door is now open to extend the gain to the entire industry with its more than 700 companies and 110,000 maintenance workers.

Reuther said, "The Board, for the first time since its rigid wage stabilization policy was put into effect, has considered and acted upon an automotive industry wage case on an intercorporation basis. This decision is an extension of the wage policy concept won by the UAW-CIO before the WLB for tool and die makers in October, 1942. Equal treatment is to be given to all workers covered by the decision regardless of the geographic location of their plants. The UAW has thus established a firm beachhead in its fight for industry-wide treatment on a basis of equal pay for equal work for all workers, production and skilled."

"The workers in the six plants covered by the present directive (Chrysler, Hudson, Packard, GM, Briggs and Murray Body) will receive a total annual wage increase of approximately $7,000,000," Reuther said. "The UAW is optimistic that the directive will be extended to the rest of the industry. This would mean an additional $8,000,000 a year for maintenance workers in the automotive industry."

Labor Prepares Full Employment Fight

WASHINGTON, May 1 (LPA) — Organized labor's next great Congressional fight will start early in June with the opening of Senate hearings on the full employment bill.

For the first time in American history, Congress will consider legislation designed to abolish unemployment and make it the "right" of every individual to have a job. With the assurance that "people from all walks of life" will be given a hearing, unions are already preparing their testimony and assembling data in support of Senate Bill 380. Sponsors of the Senate bill are Senators Wagner (D., N. Y.), (Thomas D., Utah), O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), and Murray (D., Mont.). The House bill is sponsored by Rep. Patman (D., Tex.).

Labor Will Suffer

Underlining the urgent necessity for full employment are the rapidly increasing number of cutbacks with the disemployment of hundreds of thousands, and disclosure by the Gallup Poll that four out of every 10 Americans have no nest egg to tide them over a period of postwar or reconversion unemployment. Labor, in comparison with other groups, will suffer most, the Poll revealed. Thirty-five per cent of American workers cannot tide themselves over a jobless period, and an additional 11% do not know whether they can.

The proposed full employment bill centers around one major idea. It provides for an annual "National Production and Employment Budget" which would be submitted to Congress by the President, assisted by various government agencies. The Budget would offer, among other things, an estimate of future employment by private industry and a recommendation for a public works program to provide jobs for those industry is unable to absorb.

Promise to Nation

The bill sets forth in unmistakably clear terms the final objective — the right of every individual who wants a job to have the opportunity to work. It constitutes a promise to the nation that the government will never lose sight of this goal.

If U. S. production sinks even to the level of 1939 — the year the nation's defense program started — between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 people will be unemployed.

Both returning veterans and civilian war workers are fearful of the war's aftermath, Senator Murray asserted. Veterans, he said, "know that their own reinstatement rights on the old job, if they had one, will not amount to much if several other GI's have the same right to the same job, or if the boss does not have enough capital, materials or confidence in the future to resume peacetime production."

Sen. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) declared that unless effective action is taken now there will be 19,000,000 jobless after the war. Mass unemployment, he predicted, will mean "chaos."

Kroll Becomes No. 2 Man In CIO-PAC.

NEW YORK, May 1 (LPA)— Replacement of C. Benham Baldwin, executive assistant to Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee, by Jack Kroll, president of the Ohio State Industrial Union Council, will be announced here shortly.

Baldwin, frequently referred to as the "Number two man" in PAC, joined the Committee when it formed late in 1943 and helped guide PAC's meteoric rise into political prominence in the presidential and state election campaigns of 1944. He was formerly director of the Farm Security Administration.

Kroll, in addition to being state CIO president, is also regional director of PAC for Ohio. A long-time member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, he now serves on his union's general executive board. While the Ohio PAC failed to carry the state for President Roosevelt or to defeat Taft, it was instrumental in the election of a Democratic governor.

Times Are Tough

WASHINGTON (LPA)— Down in Florida black market operators are complaining about "illegitimate" black markets. These operators, who supply meat to hotels and restaurants, are protesting that some of their New York meat sources are charging them 10c a pound above the "legitimate" black market price ceiling. — From "Bread & Butter," Consumers Union.

Labor Management Peace Is Doubtful

WASHINGTON, May 2, — (LPA) — Evidence accumulated last week that any "truce" or "industrial peace pact" between labor and management will be mostly a matter of forgotten headlines in six months if management organizations continue on their current paths.

The Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers announced that it could not go along with the recently signed labor-management charter if it means committing management "to uphold the legislative status quo." President Ira Mosher made it clear that the NAM will not be restrained from attempting to torpedo present labor legislation nor from seeking to add new anti-labor laws to the book.

C. of C. Is Anti-Labor

The Chamber of Commerce of New York State last week started a campaign in support of an anti-labor bill introduced by Rep. Mike Monroney (D. Okla.) A printed four-page pamphlet conspicuously devoid of any union label demanding heavy curbs on labor activities was sent by the Chamber of Commerce to President Truman and every member of Congress.

NAM Questions Charter

The NAM spokesman refused to accept any literal interpretation of the labor-management charter.

Previously, B. E. Hutchinson, vice-president of Chrysler Corp., and an NAM director, announced that the NAM and the C. of C. have a joint committee working on legislation which would prohibit strikes. Although the C. of C. later denied there was such a joint committee it admitted that Chamber's labor committee had met with the NAM labor group a year ago and that the latter had submitted a labor legislative program.

TUNE IN!

Hear Toledo's own CIO Radio program every Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. over station W.T.O.L.—1230 on your radio dial.

Hear "Labor News and Views", presenting news you cannot read in your daily papers.

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Rankin Plans To Sabotage G.I. Bill

WASHINGTON, May 1 (LPA) — Rep. John E. Rankin (D,Miss.), labor-hater, progress-hater and race-hater is all primed to do his bit now for the nation's war veterans, it was revealed here this week.

Rankin's contribution is a piece of legislation so raw in its injury to servicemen and women that labor leaders were astonished that even he would dare take responsibility for it. The southern reactionary's legislation is an amendment to the G.I. Bill of Rights which would deprive veterans seeking to purchase homes with government-guaranteed loans of almost every bit of Federal protection they now have against being gypped.

At present the Veterans Administration guarantees a veteran's loan up to 50% of the property's value or $2000, whichever is less. However, as a prerequisite to the guarantee the property must be appraised by the Veterans Administration to ascertain whether the purchase price has been inflated. If it is found inflated the guarantee is refused.

Rankin's New Scheme

Rankin's scheme would permit the guaranteed loan provided only that the property is worth at least as much as the loan.

Here is what that would mean to the veteran. Under the present law, a Federal Housing Agency official explained may find a house offered for $4000. If an appraisal by the FHA, working for the Veterans Administration, finds the house valued properly the veteran can obtain a guaranteed loan up to $2000. However, if the house is worth only $3000 the government will not guarantee the loan and thereby become party to fleecing the veteran.

Under Rankin's proposed emasculation of the law, the veteran might discover a house worth $4000 but with a purchase price of $6000. If the veteran wanted to buy it at the profiteering price the FHA would have to approve the $2000 guaranteed loan. Or the serviceman could conceivably obtain a $6000 loan with $2000 of it guaranteed by the government.

Amendment Is Inflationary

Rankin's amendment, said the FHA official, would not only expose the veteran to the possibility of being grossly overcharged, but "its effect is clearly and dangerously inflationary."

The guaranteed loan also applies to farm properties, and government officials who have interviewed veterans who returned with the idea of purchasing a homestead declare that the servicemen are appalled at the extent to which the cost of farm properties has been inflated.

Because it is a "seller's" market it is difficult for some veterans to stand by and watch a property they wished to purchase being sold at a price far beyond its appraised value.

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tions of industry say they can move will be two to six months, with the longer period given as the probability for the major part of the reemployment.

V-E Day Is Here

V-E Day is here, insofar as the production front is concerned, even though it hasn't been officially announced in Allied communiques.

Hiland G. Batcheller, chief of operations for the WPB, admitted as much when he revealed that cutbacks in production, which had been planned for V-E Day, have already been ordered.

Many such cutbacks and cancellations of contracts were announced during the past fortnight, particularly in aircraft and shipbuilding. More such reductions are on the way — in radar, radio, artillery, communications equipment, tanks and certain other munitions, authoritative Washington reports indicate.

WPB economists estimate the cutbacks during May will result in the layoffs of 300,000 workers.

Orders Scaled Down

Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson let is be known publicly that as a result of the virtual collapse of German resistance there will be a sharp scaling down of Army requirements. This will be reflected, he said, in "substantial" cutbacks during the next 30 to 60 days.

Meanwhile, Batcheller disclosed that the government is now banking on a complete mop-up of serious German resistance by July 1, and that plans have been completed to conduct only a one-front war after that — against Japan.

Behind the cold, hard figures is, of course, the human problem of jobs for workers laid off. So far, relatively little has been done by either Congress or the Administration to take up the slack, union spokesmen point out.

Orderly Reconversion Asked

In conferences with government officials unions have been insisting that an orderly reconversion program be worked out, so as to facilitate the shift of laid-off workers to civilian production without undue delay.

Unions are also keeping up their battle for wage increases so that workers will be able to enter the reconversion period with sufficient buying power to maintain high production and full employment.

Demand Civilian Production

Meanwhile, out on the west coast where cutbacks have been heavy, unions and employers have joined hands in serving demands on the government that firms which are tapering off war production be permitted to shift promptly to civilian items.

Both groups urged that spot authorizations permitting a shift to civilian production be issued at once to plants which are losing war contracts. Such procedure, they said, is necessary to keep idle workers in the area, so that they will be available if war production and ship construction should have to be boosted later for the knockout drive against Japan.

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had been overwhelmingly rejected by city council. He told how one councilman had attempted to justify his own and and other councilmanic action in rejecting the ordinance on the grounds that the state Supreme Court had recently declared a similar ordinance enacted by Cleveland as unconstitutional.

Mr. Burke also discussed the salary increases for members of the police and fire departments and said that he was for the much-needed raises for the men in the departments who were underpaid in comparison with other lines of work.

Expresses Club's Appreciation

Walter Madrzykowski representing the Old Timers Association, a 14th ward organization of former sandlot ball players, expressed the appreciation of the Old Timers group to Councilman Burke for sponsoring legislation to maintain baseball diamonds and playgrounds in the various parks throughout the city.

Mr. Burke was given the unanimous endorsement of the PAC following his discussion of his activities since assuming office.

To Train Workers

Tom Downes, assistant state CIO-PAC director, Columbus, spoke to the meeting and complimented the Toledo PAC for the fine work which it has done for the past several years. He said that the program had been changed to an educational public relations task and told of the efforts of the state PAC in establishing training courses for PAC workers.

The meeting went on record favoring a PAC training course in Toledo and instructed PAC chairman Clayton Rusch to make the necessary arrangements for such a course.

Explains New Petition

Attorney Harry B. Kirtland read the new PR recall petition and explained it. He said that the former petition which had been found to be in error would not hold water in a court of law and told the audience that the new petition would do what the PAC wanted—repeal PR.

Attorney Carl Christensen discussed social legislation and told of his interest in advancing the security of the workers.

Describing the PR system as a "trick, screwball method of electing nine councilmen," Mr. Cnristensen said that he believed the system was wrong and that it should be repealed. He told the PAC group that he was not a candidate for office and would not be a candidate but wanted to do whatever he could to aid in eliminating a system of electing city councilmen which he felt was wrong.

Reports were given to the meeting by Harold Billheimer, research director, Marshall Meyers, welfare director and O. J. Pecord.

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, manager of the Toledo area PAC spoke briefly and introduced Regional Director Mattson, UAW-CIO Board member who was his guest. Director Mattson spoke briefly and complimented the PAC for the work which it has accomplished.

33 Firms Agree To Model Seniority

DETROIT, May 2 — (LPA)— Thirty-three companies have agreed to a model contract clause proposed by the United-Auto Workers-CIO which extends seniority benefits to war veterans not protected by the Selective Service law, the union's War Policy Division announced last week.

Three major firms, Packard, Studebaker and Hudson, have already agreed but among the holdouts are the Big Three of the auto industry — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. At the first three plants several hundred veterans are still working who otherwise would have been laid off.

Gives Veterans Seniority

"The model contract clause," according to the War Policy Division, "gives seniority credit equal to the length of time they have spent in military service back to May 1, 1940, to World War II veterans not employed when they entered service but who have been hired since their discharge and have completed the probationary period stipulated by the management for all employes. This group includes 80% of all who have been inducted or who have enlisted into the armed forces."

Incorporation of the model clause into other contracts is expected to be less difficult once the confusion is cleared up in Washington over interpretation of Memorandum 190-A, an interpretation of the Selective Service Act which has been assailed by unions and veterans organizations.

Graduation Day For Counsellors

Ten members of the first graduation class of the union counsellors school, conducted by the Lycoming County (Pa.) CIO Council, received their certificates last week from Council President Ned Kocher. Here, Dorothy Plocinski, of the Int'l Fur and Leather Workers, receives her certificate. Left to right from Miss Plocinski are Thomas Young, Local 628, United Electrical Workers; Kocher; William Mason, Local 2499, United Steelworkers. (LPA).

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union they did not want.

More than one-half of the employees have received back pay as a result of the successful action of Local 12, while wage and grievance adjustments which led to dissatisfaction with the AFL have been settled much faster than before Local 12 became plant bargaining agent.

UAW-CIO officials point out that a well defined contract has been signed copies of which will be given to each employees the same as in other Local 12 shops. One of the major sources of irritation with the AFL prior to their defeat by the Auto Workers was its inadequate and indefinite contract.

Unit officers see in the action of the AFL the diehard tactics of some few workers in the plant who have never changed their allegiance although they pay dues to Local 12. They say they will welcome an election to settle for once and for all which union has earned the respect and support of the majority of the workers in the plant. Confidence in a CIO victory runs high.

Buy Bonds To Bomb the Bums!

Workers' Ideas Save U. S. Money

WASHINGTON, (LPA) May 3—As of April 1, War Dept. employes had made 218,613 suggestions for saving money, time or effort in operating the government. Of these, 28,770 were adopted, and cash appreciation in the sum of $785,000 went to the people who had the bright ideas, because the suggestion will save the Government 84 million dollars annually.

In factual rebuttal of an attempt to destroy the employe-suggestion system, for which a $21,000 appropriation was recently denied by the House Appropriations Committee, Jerry Kluttz, columnist of the Washington Post, gave these figures. Navy Dept. adopted 8,420 suggestions made by its employes. Last year alone it saved more than $30,000,000. Interior Dept. has paid $10,190 to employes for suggestions adopted which have saved the taxpayers $1,118,433 in cash and 470,000 man hours. Suggestion systems also are in use at Martime and other agencies, Kluttz says, and Treasury Dept. plans to start one soon.

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own members told army officials and Gosser the real truth.

Smith Promised Revenge

Smith threatened to return to Toledo "some day" to "get even" with Dick Gosser and the Auto Workers, a threat which he is now trying to make good by raiding at the Packard plant.

Responsible MESA officers are fearful of the ultimate results of the present MESA raiding at Packard, for they tell it off the record that if Smith pulls another jurisdictional strike during wartime, it is liable to be the end of the MESA, and that if Smith waits until peacetime for his strike, it will surely spell finis for their union.

Meantime, MESA in its letter to the Packard Co., management pleads with the company not to fire any of its organizers who do not have sufficient work in their own departments to keep them busy.

WLB Rules Union Must Be In On Grievances

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Natl. WLB last week upheld an NLRB ruling that union representatives are entitled to be present at all stages of a grievance procedure and the company is required to notify the union of all grievances.

Industry members of WLB dissented from this ruling, which was handed down in a dispute between the United Textile Workers-AFL and the Cocheco Woolen Manufacturing Co. in E. Rochester, N. H.

Pepper Warns Congress

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.), author of legislation which would establish a minimum hourly wage of 65 cents for all American workers, told Congress last week that if that minimum were put into effect, without any flexibility, "we would probably find ourselves faced with a sit-down strike by management in the low-wage industries."

Court Upholds Union Rights

WASHINGTON May 1 (LPA) —Two U. S. Supreme Court decisions last week strengthened the hand of organized labor in soliciting memberships on company property and distributing union literature. In ruling against the Republic Aviation Corp., Suffolk, N. Y., and Le Tourneau Co. of Georgia, the court upheld the Natl. Labor Relations Board in directing the two firms to reinstate workers who were fired for organizing activities on plant grounds.

With only Justice Owen Roberts dissenting, the Court concluded "that if a rule against solicitation is invalid as to union solicitation on the employer's premises during the employe's own time, a discharge because of violation of that rule discriminates within the meaning of Section 8 (3) in that it discourages membership in a labor organization."

OUTSTANDING ARTICLES from the pages of this month's
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Reader's Digest

"I am against a planned economy," SAYS Henry A Wallace

"It means tyranny. Nevertheless, I favor planning to keep our American economic system competitively free. I go farther. I favor planning to make our economic system *free-er* than it is today."

Writing in May Reader's Digest, our new Secretary of Commerce lists four practical things the Government can do to make it possible for more American citizens to start businesses and to develop them; to benefit not only small business but big business as well.

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She ran a night club to spy on Japs

—right in the heart of enemy-held Manila. Claire Phillips sang torch songs, did fan dances; took slaps, kicks, insults from Jap officers to learn Tokyo's plans and relay them to our guerillas. Then the Nips caught her . . .

No piece of pure fiction could pack more thrills than this American girl's true story.

Read "I Was an American Spy"—Page 31

How to gain emotional poise

Are you easily upset, easily thrown into a turmoil? Dr. James Gordon Gilkey gives three helpful rules for winning self-mastery which have grown out of long and bitter human experience—and may save you many a heartache.

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Jones, foreman of the gear cutters, dissatisfied with the way one of the men was performing his work showed him how to do it—and how. So the scrap heap is larger than it would have been had he not demonstrated.

Sgt. Frank Quackenbush, a popular fellow in our shop is on his way home from India according to word he sent his father.

Because there are only about one-half as many men in the department as formerly, Herb Hoenig suggesting changing Dept. 38 to Dept. 37½.

Ed Birtwistle is a tenacious guy. He hung onto a package for the little woman during a meeting recently, which probably explains why he is tenacious.

Dick Risen formerly of our shop and now of the Marine Corps was a recent visitor to the plant.

Homer Wilgus has turned chemist and perfected a cleaning fluid for hats. When he experimented with the stuff on a dirty hat the dirt disappeared like magic, but so did the hat. He is altering his formula.

Congratulations to the Laurie Riley's on the 8 lb. Irish coleen which arrived last week.

Jim Durliat, Unit secretary was in Columbus recently attending the hearing on the new unemployment compensation bill. He will give his report at the next Unit meeting, May 10.

Jim Chapman has been transferred from Dept. 39 to the methods department. Lots of luck on the new assignment Jim.

Walter Gunlite of General Stores wants to express his thanks to the warehouse crew for the donation they gave him before he left for the service.

Jessie Bryan doesn't have bags under his eyes. That was the mumps. He is enjoying his rest at home.

Don't kid us Harry Tolles. Are those really cigars you are smoking?

Stanley Ostapowicz, Dept. 86-A takes all the gum, candy, etc., from the vending machines to prevent the hoarders from getting it.

All suspended members are being given a notice to bring their dues up-to-date now that the WLB has granted us a maintenance of membership clause. Check up on yourselves and don't let yourself get behind the 8 ball.

Long-Lines Strike Averted

WASHINGTON (LPA)—June 1 is the deadline set by the War Labor Board in its directive to the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. to stop employing transferred operators in Dayton on a time-plus-expenses basis. The strike last November which grew out of this practice spread rapidly across the country, and for several weeks severe tie-ups in telephone communications were feared, but were finally averted.

Airway Unit Airings

AN EXPLANATION

The only reason this column hasn't appeared lately is because some people took it upon themselves to resent a little kidding and because it did not boost them or give them a nice pat on the back. Don't be such panty waists.

Team work means pulling together, not pulling apart. Our union in addition to trying to secure gains for us also tries to teach us the value of unity. Lets work together and not at cross purposes.

DOINGS IN DEPT. 15

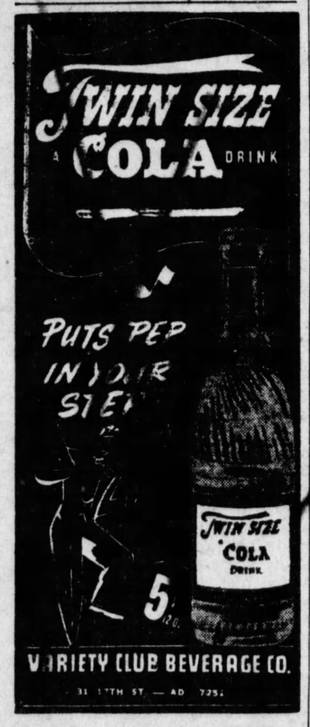
Jane Carsner, Inspection, is proud of the articles which her pilot son sent her from Calcutta, India.

Virginia Boyce received an aluminum bracelet made from a Jap plane from her husband in the South Pacific. She also has Jap souvenirs including a flag and coins.

Betty DeShetler has made some very clever drawings which are hanging behind Mary Kochs desk. One of them depicts a wolf with the caption "A wolf in Department 15." We don't get it.

Ursula Sulewski's husband left for the Army on the 26th. She will be among the many "War Widows" in Department 15. Department 15 has more servicemen's wives and mothers per capital, than most departments and they are all working hard.

The former Ruth Sattler is now Mrs. Bobbs. Congratulations Ruth. The Navy finally won.



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SAVE ELECTRIC

Frankie, Jerry Zunc's boy friend, croons to her. No relation to The Voice-Sinatra. Still, it seems that Jerry's dreams are getting better all the time.

The night gang extends their sympathy to Julia Moore who is back in the hospital again. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Dorothy Gambrell is on leave of absence, and is going South for some Southern fried chicken or something.

Happy birthday to Helen Jourdain who adds one year to life tomorrow.

Norbert Winterhalter says he is soon to achieve fatherhood.

Editor's note: Who does Goldie want to see?

Don and Betty Lindlay are soon going to housekeeping.

What would Richard Nyitray do without that daily luncheon? Note—He'd probably starve to death. Didja ever hear the story of Mark Twain's house? Ask me sometime.

Betty Cucknex from the Toledo Hot Dog had a bit of tough luck recently when visiting at her father's farm. She stepped on a nail and is taking time off to recover from the effects.

Edward Notter from the Ohio-Michigan Paper Co. was promoted to salesman. We wish him a lot of luck and success.

Two other promotions came to our attention. Martha Nowak and Gale Garverick of the Kuehmann Unit were promoted to foreman and floorlady respectively. They have gone on the inactive list. We wish them success in their new jobs.

Order Dims Hope For Wage Thaw

WASHINGTON, May 1 (LPA)—A new government directive on wages was issued last week and labor leaders who have been waiting for some indications of thaw in the little steel wage freeze decided that Spring is a long way off.

The new directive, handed down by the Office of Economic Stabilization, went no further than to grant the War Labor Board some discretion in passing on "fringe" adjustments such as shift differentials and paid vacations.

Order Permits Adjustments

The new directive simply permits adjustments higher or lower than those limits by WLB provided that the Board finds that the amount of the adjustment follows an already established "clear and well defined practice" in the industry or area.

Even these non-basic wage adjustments cannot be allowed without approval of the Director of Economic Stabilization who will ascertain whether the adjustments will cause an increase in price ceilings or production costs.

"This directive," admitted OES Director William Davis, "is a carrying forward of the policy of setting definite firm ceilings on so-called 'fringe' adjustments in all wage cases."

Seeing Eye—*W-O Unit*

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

A large group of hammer-men and helpers from the aluminum forge journed to Birmingham, Mich., recently to attend the funeral of Edward Moxie Stanton a member of our Unit employed in the forge. Fellow workers donated generously to a collection which was presented to the family of our deceased brother.

Red Markham, Dept. 662 acts like a boy who has been locked up when he is on the loose. After pitching his dough around, the boys from the forge who were with him borrowed him broke and then returned his money to him the following day.

Members of the Unit extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballard on the death of Mrs. Ballard's mother. Members of the Flying Squadron were pall bearers.

If you don't think the cops are always right ask Bob Cousino.

Louise Uhram came back to work in Dept. 666 with a streamlined figure after a two week tussle with the "flu." Louise is a step-daughter of Clause Hess.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? If not, go to 217 Superior St. next to the Esquire theatre and take care of this important item.

Maudie Smith lost a billfold last week in the plant which contained $28. This good member of our Unit needs the money badly and will appreciate it if the one who found it would return $20 to her through the factory mail and keep the $8.00 as their reward.

Bills before the Ohio Legislature that will help all the workers of this state are senate bill 94 and house bill 167 on increased Unemployment Compensation from $16 to $25 a week. Senate bill 144 and house bill 417 on more federal housing projects. Senate bill 153 will provide a permanent fair Employment Practice Commission. Senate bill 211 calls for increasing workmen's industrial compensation, from $21 to $24.50 weekly.

Brothers and Sisters write to your State Senators: Raymond Hildebrand and Virgil Cramer, and State Representatives, Wm. Donovan, Ben F. Reading, Chester Early, Mrs. Opal Mundy and Fred Hunt, asking them to support and vote for these bills. If you would like to meet these people personally they will be in the Council Chamber next Saturday, May 5th, between 2 P. M. and 5 P. M. But write anyway.

Mather Unit Mutterings

By Jim Foltz

After quite a seige of misfortune Lloyd Musser is working with us again. It became necessary for him to have a cartalige removed from his spine.

Leonard Philquist has been forced into idleness for several days due to a touch of the Flu.

How come Hank Malkowski didn't make the trade deal for the pony. Only 350 cartons of cigarettes in exchange and Hank says there aren't that many cigarettes in the world.

Some one asks, "What would happen if the broom were to slip from under Speedie's (the forge room sweeper) arm as he relaxes?"

Is Mac Iffland the understudy for the former job of Pappy Bells? We have only class B millwrights working in this factory.

George Brody stated the hospitals were filled with people who felt much better than he did last Monday morning.

How come every man hired and placed in Harry Evan's dept. has failed to return to work after a few days?

George Baer, R. Most and R. Romlin have recently received their greetings from Uncle.

Who wants to know how come Burt Kuebbler is so noisy and cantantereous of late? 'Tis stated he is finding it hard to get along with himself.

The officers and members of the Willys Unit would like to offer their sympathy to the family of Brother John Sharrer of Dept. 662 who passed away last week and was laid to rest Saturday, April 28th. Brother John will be missed on the 2nd shift.

The Acklinite

By Chet Krzeminski

Chairman Frank Young has sent telegrams to the NLRB asking transfer of Toledo from the Cleveland to the Detroit area regional war labor board.

Good news! The welfare assessment was passed by the Unit by a vote of 3 to 1 at the April 29 meeting. The $1.00 assessment will be deducted from the May 11 pay week and will be put to good use in a worthy cause.

A bright spot in the April 29 meeting was the new contract. We appreciate the fine work that was done by Toots Martin who followed the thing through in great style. Thanks to Martin from all the members and officers of the Unit.

Chet Szymanski of the shipping dept. is now of the US. Army. He is in training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. We wish him good luck.

Back in the shipping room after his release from the army is Johnny Karol. Glad to have you back John.

Members of the Unit are asked to follow the proceedure which has been established in settling grievances. If this is done, fewer misunderstandings will occur and we will operate much smoother.

If there are any girls who want to establish a softball team they are requested to get in touch with Frank Wekwert or your shop editor.

Acklin's softball team will open its season against Auto-Lite. The schedule of games will be found on page 6 of this issue of the JOURNAL. Come out and give your team your moral and vocal backing.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Through the ingenuity and efforts of Clarence Seele and Louise Kaminski in making chutes for drums, production is running smoothly.

Gladys claims she served 13 people at dinner with only one chicken. She must have served fricasee.

Faye Hood is reported sniffing orange blossoms. It will be in a coupla weeks, she says. Good luck palsie.

The stork has again been sighted this time heading in the direction of the brazing room.

Mark up another birthday for Minnie, Dorothy Sherwood, Alice Bassett and Rose Thorzyniak. Best wishes, gals.

Those on the sick list this week include Nida and Ruth Carnicom and Rita King. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Through the efforts of our chairman, Ernie Jakubowski we have until June 1, for suspension exemptions. This gives everyone an opportunity to pay their dues up to date thus making the checkoff system function properly. Be sure and check your standing.

Here's an idea for those who wish to reduce. Bertha Zitz finally found a house after looking long and hard. She lost 11 lbs., in the deal. Try it.

Butch says he wouldn't have to do all the work if those two die setters Joe and Frank would ease up on their arguments.

Wahtdoyouhno—Harry worked overtime several nights last week. What's cooking kid?

Josephine asks for all the funny books she can get. She says she gets her enjoyment that way.

All In Favor Say Aye!

ASHLAND, O. (LPA)—Here's an idea that could catch on like wildfire after the war. The Union Malleable Manufacturing Co. has an arrangement with its workers so that they can work when they wish and as long as they wish, and collect their paychecks at the end of each working day. The company is now engaged in war work, preparing tire tubes for Army trucks for overseas shipment.

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Since when is Champion a follower? We thought that Champion was the leader.

P. S.—The request has been granted.

Why is it that the foreman in Dept. "B" always has to BULLY every girl who starts to work in his department??? Watch your step, George, you're not HITLER or are you?

A sure sign of spring—Doris Gardner of "L-in-E" with pigtails.

There has been several guesses why Earl Waters, foreman of Dept. "D" went to California. We can't imagine him going to a peace conference.

Since when are you allowed to go swimming at the Y. W. C. A. with your best hat on? Or is that the lastest style "Irene."

After attending a session of the State Legislature in Columbus last week for a hearing on S. B. 94, Chuck Johnson suggests that each member of the Champion Unit send cards or letters to uor Senators V. Cramer and R. E. Hildebrand urging them to support this bill on unemployment compensation. Remember this bill will increase the unemment compensation. Send cards to the Senators, care of State House Columbus, Ohio.

Why can't the aisles in the shop be kept clear and the floors clean at all times instead of waiting for the foreman's tour of inspection? Is it because the golf tournament is over.

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(g) All out planning for a lasting peace.

Medal of Honor For FDR

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Legislation to award posthumously, the Medal of Honor to Franklin Delano Roosevelt has passed the House Judiciary Committee. The award is to be made, according to the bill, in recognition of his "peerless leadership as Commander-in-Chief, his heroic courage as a pioneer of new frontiers of freedom, his gallant and unselfish devotion to the service of his country and his everlasting contribution to the cause of world peace."

Canco Unit Opener

By Ted Modrowski

HONORABLE MENTION

To Elsie Blazey and Rosemarie Dudek go honorable mention for the splendid job they did at the Canco Unit Bowling League party. They did all the work of preparing and serving sandwiches, but when they sat down to enjoy a sandwich and relax they discovered all the food was gone. We were in no position to offer these two good workers any food, but we can give them honorable mention. That and a sandwich is filling.

PAC

Little has been said in this column pertaining to PAC. It is time someone in this Unit started carrying the ball. It is time a few more people began taking a little interest in the events that go to make up their lives and the part they can play in making these events a little more advantageous to themselves.

We've heard too often that the Unions has no business in politics, but we have till now to hear a good reason why they should stay out. Do you think for one minute that the legislators at the State House pass laws granting old age pensions, unemployment insurance and liberal workmen's compensation out of the goodness of their hearts. All of you are old enough to know better than that. They will not liberalize any bill affecting the common man if the man himself doesn't voice his demands.

It is no different than an organized shop where an individual, asks for an increase in pay or an improvement in working conditions. Refusing this individual will not cause the employer any undue alarm. Nor will the State Senator worry about that one vote. But the scene takes a noticeable change when these same requests are made in number. In numbers there is power, let's utilize it.

Italian Workers Oppose Fascists

Threats of reprisals notwithstanding, workers in northern Italy have refused to designate representatives to serve in the fake unions of the Fascist government. Mussolini's Minister of the Interior has threatened the owners of the factories where these workers are employed with court martial, if they do not obtain from their workers a big vote from the government. So far, the workers have stood firm against the Fascist "unions." (LPA).

Aero Spins —*Packard Unit*

Billy Dorn is quite a hostess—put out quite a feed on Burr Bench. (Wolves, don't step too fast as she is nearly six feet tall, with a wicked swing.)

A girl in the TDA bases seniority on the height of men—one year calls for better than half a man. Well, bowl me over, most girls will settle for any man—they're really rationed you know.

Brother Thornton "took in" the first baseball game. Brother Thornton is really an ardent fan.

An exchange artist is in our midst so look out folks. Lee Shafer changing a five spot—three counts to get it right. Watch your step, Lee, angle-shooters on money are far worse than angle shooting bosses.

Morey Bain is chairman of PAC. One dollar premium in PAC is a cheap price if Bill 167-SB 94 is passed at Columbus.

Ben Harrold 186-176-264, total 625. They say feathers don't grow after a season of bowling. Peacock feathers really grew on this brother with four-leaf clovers.

Production Workers NOTE: MESA total of production workers in the Toledo area is only about 400, so folks use good judgment before signing a MESA card. In case of a lay-off where is Bill Wiseborn going to place you on production? Give it a thought, folks!

And, last but not least, don't forget we have a Unit meeting once each month. Your committee would greatly appreciate your attendance as it really shows your support. We will know how to move with your support.

Curfew Flops As Coal Saver

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Scores of cities throughout the country are now wondering just what the curfew and the brown-out are all about. City after city has discovered that the midnight curfew which began on Feb. 26 has done next to nothing as a coal-saver. In the nation's largest city, New York, where the coal saving was expected to be large, the Consolidated Edison Co. reported that its coal saving was estimated at three-tenths of one per cent. However because of the curfew 3000 entertainers and night club employes were thrown out of work.

AFL Insurance Co. Marks Banner Year

BALTIMORE, Md. (LPA)—Praise for the oustanding record of the only union-owned life insurance company in the country flowed freely at the 19th annual session of the Union Life Insurance Co. held here last week.

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V-E Day Has Arrived

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Just how soon the government will proclaim military victory in Europe is a matter of conjecture, but the termination of production in many wartime industries and drastic reduction in others signifies that, to all intents and purposes, the war in Europe is over.

Large scale unemployment which has already fairly started in the aircraft and shipbuilding industries as a result of the production V-E Day, promises to grow progressively serious in the next six months as additional concellations and cutbacks occur in radio, radar, tanks, communications equipment, munitions and other war industries.

With cutbacks comes the necessity of supplying jobs for many thousands of workers who will be laid off in the months ahead. The importance of preventing serious unemployment cannot be overemphasized, yet neither the Administration nor Congress have made adequate provisions for taking up the employment slack.

In the face of growing unemployment and lack of planning by government and a large segment of industry for an orderly and rapid reconversion to peacetime production, there is a mounting fear haunting the workers that the goal of 60 million jobs may be unattainable except in time of war.

Job freezing, wage freezing, treats of work-or-jail legislation on the part of government to speed production for war are giving way to unemployment, and determined resistance to wage increases which must be granted when the 48 hour week is eliminated and enlarged wages due to overtime pay comes to an end.

Governmental concern and responsibility for winning the war is not and must not be less than its responsibility for winning the peace. To permit unemployment to exist among a large group of workers because of a partial military victory is to deny and evade that responsibility and to court disaster and chaos.

It Won't Be Long

MESA members in Toledo plants appear to be heading for another cat's paw strike in which Matthew Smith, national MESA secretary, will use them in an effort to intimidate production workers at the Packard Motor Car Co. into joining his union.

Matt Smith has compiled a monumental record of dismal failures in his efforts to raid other unions. Thousands of man hours and thousands of dollars in lost time and lost pay have been the price exacted from the members of his own union by this self-professed militant in his frequent excursions into organization of the already organized.

Smarting and brooding over his defeat here last December, the irrepressible Matt again has sallied forth to slay that bold, bad dragon; that union which has been the cause of so many of his failures—the UAW-CIO.

This time, "militant" Matthew has elected to invade the Packard Unit of Local 12, for he realizes that his time is running short and if he is to have his revenge, he must secure it before it is too late.

Those members of his own union who think that Smith will not call another strike in order to take over jurisdiction of UAW-CIO members in Packard don't know their leader. He is willing to fight to the last dime of MESA worker's money and the last crust of bread in the mouths of their wives and children, if, in the end, he could score just one victory over his despised eenmy, the UAW-CIO.

Yes, Matthew Smith is on the muscle again and hurriedly, for the minute the war ends and the UAW-CIO no-strike pledge becomes history instead of handcuffs, the brave, militant and courageous Matthew will slink away, deserting the very people whose security and welfare have been his pawns in a game of hatred and phoney unionism.

Matthew is asking for a fight and he will probably insist on taking another beating. Matt Smith claims to be an intelligent man, in fact he insists upon it; but he doesn't know when he is beaten.

"We are not thinking of a super state with its own police force and other paraphernalia of coercive power. We are seeking effective agreement and arrangements through which the nations would maintain, according to their capacities, adequate forces to meet the needs of preventing war and of making impossible deliberate preparation for war, and to have such forces available for joint action when necessary."

—President Roosevelt, June 15, 1944.

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"Intelligence is judged by the speed with which an individual becomes used to a new idea." —Spinoza.

What's New?

By Edward Duck On Leave With The Army

DIVIDE AND RULE

A principle of warfare from time immemorial has been exploited by the enemies of democracy during the past few years—"Divide and Conquor."

It is a simple matter for a minority to maintain a balance of power once the opposition has been halved or quartered. Adolph wasn't the first one to employ the practice. Mussolini was less proficient, but he didn't do too bad for a while.

"Divide and Conquor" is adaptable to many uses. American big business has always appreciated the worth of this formula. Witness the words of Andrew Carnegie . . . all he sought was the support of one-third of the workers and he could and did prevent the other two-thirds from getting what they wanted.

This brings us to a most important subject . . . the coming situation in labor-management relations where the "Divide and Conquor" theory will be used on a widespread and ruthless basis against the workers.

THE PLAN

High on the list of priorities for dividing the workers will be the attempt of big business which is already in full bloom, to pit the returning veterans against their fellow workers. Men who have learned how to kill will be involved in industrial disputes. Strikes will not be pink tea affairs.

Talking like a radical? Indeed not! Check the records and you will discover that in 1919 the returned servicemen were involved in hundreds of labor disputes, used to break strikes to wreck the unions and lower wages on a grand scale.

Have you ever read the so-called GI Bill of Rights? One of the "amendments" specifies that in order to receive unemployment benefits . . . which are in excess of those which civilian workers will receive . . . a veteran cannot take part in a labor dispute.

How do you like that? The ex-GI says, "I'm losing more than the rest of you guys. You made your dough with overtime during the time I was dodging bullets and sleeping in the mud! Nothing doing, I need the money."

Meantime, Mr. Bigwig puffs his 50-cent stoogie and sends for as many unemployed veterans as he can dig up and the first thing you know, the battle is on. Of course, it will be fashionable to wave "Old Glory" for the purpose of getting working people to fight and struggle against working people.

Veterans of World War I know that this is the truth. Those who wish to disagree may do so, but they will see the day when this prophecy will come true.

ABOUT TOLEDO

Whether the method will work in Toledo or not is doubtful, but keep your eyes on the lesser organized communities. They did it before and they'll do it again or at least try to do it.

What can the unions do to prevent such a situation from occuring? First of all, they must do what Local 12 is doing — organize returning veterans into Servicemen's Clubs and aid them in their specific problems. Second, reach the men immediately before they are released and get the home-front story across to them. Third, an intensive campaign for counteracting legislation to nullify objectionable features in the GI Bill of Rights.

Finally, the servicemen should be made to understand that within 90 days after receiving papers — and usually much sooner than this—his problems will have become civilian problems. At the final cessation of hostilities the entire problem will be that of maintaining democracy at home.

As it once was:

"Here shall the Press the People's right maintain,
Unaw'd by influence and unbrib'd by gain;
Here patriot Truth her glorious precepts draw,
Pledg'd to Religion, Liberty, and Law."

—Joseph Story
(1778-1845) Editor.

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"WE WILL BE THERE!"

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

COUNCILMAN BURKE

Toledo workers are fortunate to have a man in city council who represents their viewpoint and interests—Tom Burke.

Tom Burke came up the labor ladder the hard way. When the going was the toughest back in the early days when Local 12 was making its first feeble beginning, Tom took it on the chin, lost his job, got kicked around and found out that leadership is not a gift, but something hard to win. And he won it in his union.

As a labor leader Tom is far from being a rabble rouser, in fact, he would rather put his point across by persuassion and logic. He is not the type who can mount the rostrum to pound the table and let loose with a blast of leather-lunged oratory; but he gets there just the same.

When labor in Toledo reached the stage where it knew that the best way it could present its point of view and work for its program of progressive social legislation was to try and elect someone from its own ranks, it cast around for a man whom it could trust to carry out its wishes.

TOM IS PICKED

Just how Burke got the nod from Toledo labor is not known by me, but no doubt many names were mentioned. Chances are that somebody piped up and said, "what's the matter with Tom Burke?" Then somebody else said "well, what is the matter with Burke?" So Burke carried the banner and was elected to serve in the House of Representatives in Columbus.

As a member of the legislature, Tom was in a bad spot. Then as now, he found himself completely surrounded by Republicans. He found legislation which was favorable to labor sidetracked, sabotaged, watered down and kicked out by the Republicans. He discovered that labor was a great majority which acted like a minority; but he fought and served the cause even when the odds were hopelessly against him.

And Tom won the plaudits of the workers. He was praised for his efforts, and then when he ran for the state senate went down to defeat because the workers were so busy helping fight the war on the production front that they forgot that the war was still going on along the political front with labor in the foxholes.

But Tom wasn't through politically, any more than labor was through. As one of the original founders of the PAC, Tom was instrumental in aiding in the development of political consciousness among the workers of the CIO. By the time the 1943 municipal election rolled around, he was a natural for city council and ran for that office.

Political wiseacres picked Burke for a scratch ninth in the 1943 elections. They said it would be a small election and labor couldn't possibly win with Burke. Tom ran a strong fourth in one of the largest elections held in Toledo since the adoption of the PR.

As a member of city council, Tom Burke again found himself surrounded by Republicans. With one fellow-Democrat in council it has been an uphill fight whenever there was anything important or interesting enough to fight about. Tom went to bat for the black market ordinance last year even when it was certain that it could not possibly get past Harry Hansen's political lackeys.

HIS RECORD

As a member of city council Burke has not been spectacular, nor has he sought like some others in council to make himself popular by shooting off his mouth for the benefit of the daily papers for the sake of enticing votes.

For the past 15 months, Tom Burke has voted right on the issues in which labor was interested or which would effect it. He has gone down the line for the city employees, the policemen and firemen in aiding them get the wage and salary increases which he as a worker felt they deserved. He has done his job quietly, modestly and effectively without blasting hot air and a lot of phoney talk into the record.

No, there isn't anything spectacular about Toledo's one and only labor representative. There is nothing of the showman about him, no malarkey or political horseplay. He has done his job as he saw it and without a single complaint from organized or unorganized labor in this city.

And now the workers of Toledo can make their decision. They can tell Tom Burke that they appreciate his sincerity, honesty and efficiency. They can show their belief in his integrity as a labor leader and labor representative in city council by giving him an overwhelming vote of confidence in the November election. They should elect him on the first ballot and prove to all that labor constitutes a majority in Toledo and votes as a majority. They can prove that Tom Burke and labor in Toledo does not need a screwy PR system to elect a representative in a council ruled by minorities.

Tom Burke deserves the vote and support of every enlightened worker in Toledo.

Servicemen's Letters

Belated Letter

Dear Mr. Gosser:

Thank you and the members of Local 12 for your Yuletide greetings. Also I wish to express my appreciation for the gift boxes which I received especially cigarettes.

That $10 Christmas check certainly came at the right time. How can we go wrong with people like you behind us. Although when the boys here read about the other plants at home having strikes and labor troubles it makes them feel bitter. I've talked with many in bull sessions and they said if only the people back home would get a bird's eye view of the situation here, they would forget their problems in labor quickly and work more efficiently and vigorously in order that their loved ones could return home sooner.

I have told the boys about the company where I had worked and to what kind of a union I belong. I related to them how the union is seeking to aid us in returning back to work as soon as possible so that we can take our place in life under normal conditions. "Gee," they replied, "that certainly is a wonderful place to work and a super union to be a member of. Yes, I said, all of us members back home have Mr. Gosser to thank because he had protected the rights and liberties of my fellow workers and stood up with them shoulder to shoulder to get what we have received. The boys seemed to feel more secure about their jobs back home after our little session. No matter what we do our minds always turn back to our friends back home. We know that someday this terrible thing will be over and that we shall return and join our fellow workers in performing our daily work again in order that we may make a more secure and peaceful world for future generations.

Sincerely yours,
Cpl. Edwin A. Radecki
A. S. N. 15140024
177th. General Hospital
A. P. O. 517
c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

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Fights For Union

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I received your reply to my letter of the 16th and want to thank you for your interest in my inquiry. Yes, Dick I did get my military leave from Local No. 12. It was given to me at the Local office the week of March 14, 1944 and you know Dick I've lived union for many years and I'm to old to change now and believe it or not I'm fighting now and will keep on fighting to keep everything for which the union stands for.

I believe I told you I have been getting the boxes regular and do enjoy them and the work that the Locals are doing is great. If you were with the boys as I have been you would know and it would make your heart glad to keeping the ball rolling, I'm sure it will be done. Dick, when it comes to getting the kicks out of anything I guess we can do it.

I want to thank you again for everything and hope to be with you all soon.

Best wishes for your success and happiness.

Ralph S. Baker MM 1/C
U.S.N.H. Ward-121
St. Albans, Long Island
New York.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

As I listen to all the chatter about how the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations is going to create an organization to secure the peace in the years to come, I am reminded of the old American saying that "talk is cheap but it takes money to buy whiskey."

In our discussion of the issues that will be raised at Frisco, we might well amend the old saying to read as follows: "Talk is cheap but it takes money to buy milk for the Hottentots."

Remember the uproar that was raised when Hank Wallace made his noted speech about a "TVA on the Danube" and a "quart of milk for every Hottentot."

This is something to recall, now that the United Nations Conference is under way, with the eyes of the world fixed hopefully upon the deliberations at San Francisco.

DEPRESSIONS

Economist Hansen, of Harvard University, points out in his book, "AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY," that "even in a world that was completely under one political sovereignty the fundamental factor producing depressions would still be present . . ."

Hansen goes on to express the belief that the great depression which prostrated the world in the 1930's was largely responsible for the outbreak of World War II.

From this observation he draws the conclusion that the structure of a world organization will not in itself do the job of preserving the peace.

The point he makes is that the international security organization will be a useless thing unless the nations involved in it go on to do a democratic job of eliminating the economic causes of war.

SIMPLE EXAMPLES

To make this point clear, I offer a few simple examples of what happened in this country during the great depression.

When sheriffs came to foreclose on farmers who, through no fault of their own, could not make the payments on loans, the neighbors got together with pitchforks and shotguns to run the long arm of the law into the next county.

In the big cities, when constables came to evict industrial workers from houses they had rented, the neighbors ganged up and moved the unfortunate back in—in spite of the law.

When folks really got hungry in those bitter days, groups of desperate men ganged up to stage raids on chain stores—in mobs too big for the law to cope with, they gutted the stores and took the groceries home to their starving families.

SECURITY ORGANIZATION

The lesson of these examples is that all this demestic disorder happened in America during the depression in spite of the fact that we had city governments, county governments, state governments and the national government—all equipped with very strong police powers — whose duty it was to keep the peace.

The same goes for any international security organization which may be set up at San Francisco. It it will be powerless to keep the peace—just as American cops were powerless to keep the peace during the depression — unless international action is initiated to feed the faces and fill the bellies of the peoples whose governments take part in the proposed international organization.

This does mean TVA's on many rivers, and milk for the babies of all peoples.

I hope the delegates at Frisco are aware of this fact.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

SELLING PAC

A shop steward in one of our Toledo plants walked up to one of the boys in his department and said to him, "Hey bud, wanna buy a ticket for PAC?

"Hell no," said the other guy, "it's a bunch of bunk and I ain't gonna pay out no buck for that"

"Yeah" said the steward," "maybe you're right. But what the Hell, I got orders to sell these things so don't find fault with me."

Leaving the tough customer, the steward walked over to another fellow and said, "Hi chum. Wanna buy a PAC membership?"

"Sure thing," said the other fellow as he dipped down into his pocket and came up with a dollar, "I think PAC's a great thing. I'm glad to have a chance to join up and do my bit."

"You said it bud" says the same steward, "I'm glad to hear that you like PAC. Thanks for the buck."

IT DOES HAPPEN

Now don't any of you good union stewards and committeemen jump up and say this doesn't happen, because I know that it did happen and probably has occured plenty of times in all our plants. After all, some of these people do not know what PAC is all about, and if our leadership doesn't know, how can we enlighten and inform our people.

Our task in PAC is to educate our own people and then the general public, a job that must be done if we are to succeed in our efforts to bring about social legislation which will advance the cause of all the people and bring about greater security.

We do not approach our task with the idea that whatever we advocate will benefit only the members of our own organization. We know that what benefits our people is of benefit to others, and that the welfare of all can best be served by working for social gains which are of general benefit to everyone.

We want people in PAC who are sold on PAC. We want people in our Political arm who recognize the need for social legislation who are not only willing to invest one dollar each year to give the organization the financial aid it needs; but who are willing to spend a little of their spare time in working with the organization.

There is plenty of room in PAC for everyone who has even a little time. We need speakers and plenty of helpers on the many committees which are working to advance the cause of the workers and general public and it is my hope that everyone who can possibly do so will volunteer to help PAC and in helping it, help their fellow workers and themselves.

From The Desk of Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

MINIMUM WAGE

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act a minimum rate of pay was established for all industries coming within the scope of this Act in the United States. This minimum rate of pay is now 40 cents per hour for straight time work. It is not necessary that the employer be on a strictly hourly rate of pay as regardless of the method of payment which may be and incentive system, the employee must be paid not less than 40 cents per hour. There is no limit to the number of hours which may be worked in any one day or any one week, but time and one-half must be paid for all hours worked over 40 hours per week. A work week being considered 7 consecutive 24 hour days. The work week may be started at any time of any day of the week; however, it cannot be changed to avoid the purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The employer is not permitted to average a time worked over a period of 2 or more weeks.

These provisions of the Act effect a relatively few employees in our Community, and a good many times are more or less overworked because of this fact; nevertheless, they are important as it does provide a standard or guarantee tending toward eliminating the competition created through the paying of substandard wages.

An important feature of the Act which is important in all the plants, here, in Toledo is the fact that waiting time constitutes time worked and must be recorded as such whenever an employee is required to be on duty or on the employer's premises or at a prescribed work place or when the time is too short for the employee to spend it for his own purposes.

It is not infrequent that we find employers in Toledo requiring their employees to be at work for a period of time prior to regular starting time during which time they are expected to prepare themselves for their jobs without compensation being granted to them by the company. This is a violation of the Act for which a claim can be made against the employer.

Deductions from employee's paychecks which cause the employee to receive less than 40 cents per hour are permitted only when employer or others acting in his behalf derive no benefit from the deductions.

The Act prohibits the shipment or delivery in Interstate Commerce of any goods produced in establishments in or about which oppresive child labor has been employed within 30 days prior to the removal of the goods. This actually means that children under the age of 16 years are not permitted to work in such an industry if it will interfere with their schooling, health, or well being. It also prevents the employment of children between the ages of 16 and 18 years in hazardous industries. There are three exceptions; however. One being children employed in Agriculture. Another, children employed as Actors in Theatrical Productions and, third, children employed by their parents.

Hollywood's Loveliest Girls Starred By M-G-M In One of Season's Best

"Keep Your Powder Dry" Is Superb Entertainment For The Entire Family

By Burny Zawodny

"Keep Your Powder Dry," the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer hit at the Valentine Theatre, boasts one of the season's top casts in one of the year's finest film offerings. It stars no less a lovely and talented trio than Lana Turner, Laraine Day and Susan Peters.

Chockful of laughs and tears —indeed, all the ingredients that go to make up a real all-family entertainment — "Keep Your Powder Dry" will hold your interest every minute of its running time.

It's a human story of three girls, from different walks of life, who join the celebrated Women's Army Corps. Each has a different motivation: Lana, as the spoiled Valerie arks, enlists in order to protect an inheritance; Laraine, as the "Army brat" Leigh Rand, is confident of her superiority because of her upbringing and training; and Susan, as Ann Darrison, has a husband in the service overseas and wants to do her own bit to help speed the victory.

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Did you know that one of the International representatives of UAW-CIO now working for Richard Gosser, Reg. Director of Reg. 2B-UAW-CIO was at one time a musician? and that he married a piano player . . . who none other then Walter Madrzykowski.

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Mr. Seastrom advertising manager of Willys-Overland Co. done went and got himself a job with a movie company.

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Today's Gag of the Day

In between rehearsals on NBC's "Everything for the Boys," composer - conductor Gordon Jenkins told about the drunk who hailed a cab and fell into the back seat. "Shay, driver," he ordered, "drive me around the block a hundred imes." The driver was sartled, but he obliged just the same. Around and around the block they went. On the sixty-first trip, the passenger leaned forward.

"Step on it, but," he hiccuped, "I'm in an awful hurry."

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With the gas situation being what it is, some Hollywood quickie producers have had to rewrite their gangster pictures. The Longies are now taking their victims for a walk.

LOS ANGELES IN MOVIE

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will film "The Postman Always Rings Twice" in and around Los Angeles, which was he otriginal setting for the James M. Cain best-seller. The main setting is a roadside lunchroom just outside Los Angeles. Other location scenes will include its famed Union Station, the wholesale market district of the city; the Civic Center and courthouse; the actual road from Lake Malibu to Malibu Beach and several other spots familiar to natives. Lana Turner and John Garfield are set for the starring roles.

FROM PAREE

Mary K. Dodson, who designed the clothes for Paramount's "Our Hearts Were Growing Up," hails from Paris. But it's not the French capital. Miss Dodson's home is Paris, Texas.

Seen On A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD—Dancing on a crowded nightclub floor, rFances Rafferty and Bob Stanton are to play a love scene for the new M-G-M comedy with music, "Abbott and Costello in Hollywood," in which the two young players appear with the comics.

Director S. Sylvan Simon calls for a rehearsal of Stanton kissing Frances. All is quiet as they go through the routine.

Stanton kisses her and then looks over to Simon and asks "How was it?"

Without hesitating a moemnt, the director replies: "Hadn't you better ask Frances?"

CALL ME CARUSO CLEMENTS

Stanley Clements, the young actor who apepars with Alan Ladd and Gail Russell in Paramount's "Salty O'Rourke," earned his first money on New York subways. His brother passed the hat among the passengers.

STAR REPORTER

Arturo de Cordova, starring with Dorothy Lamour in Paramount's "A Medal for Benny," formerly was an ace Latin American correspondent. In his newspaper career he covered the pioneering trans-Atlantic plane flights between the Brazil "bulge" and Africa.

Officers' Candidate

LANA TURNER turns in her "civvies" for the uniform of the WAC in her latest M-G-M film "Keep Your Powder Dry." Between the sencs she keeps busy corresponding with G. I. fans all over the world. Now at Valentine.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Song Star, Jan Clayton Wins New Screen Pact

HOLLYWOOD (Special) — Jan Clayton has been given a new contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. The young, red-haired beauty contest winner is now in New York scoring a success in the musical show "Carousel," and the studio decided to give her the contract as a result of her outstanding work in "This Man's Navy," the Wallace Beery starrer which teamed her with Tom Drake.

Before signing her first M-G-M contract last year, Jan spent many omnths entertaining members of the Armed Forces. She spent four months in the Aleutians.

As soon as her current engagement in the Broadway stage is concluded, Jan will return to Hollywood and a feature role in an important Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

Faye Emerson exerts her smouldering blonde charm on Alan Hale in the above scene from Warners' "Hotel Berlin," now playing at the Paramount. Also starred in the timely drama are Raymond Massey, Andrea King, Peter Lorree and Helmut Dantine.

Miami Inn Is Packing 'Em In

They're packing 'em in again this week at the New Miami Inn with an all-star cast headed by Roy Vincent, M. C. screwball deluxe.

Others in the cast are Viki Mills, songstress; Candy Leigh, toe tap and acrobatic dancer and Mme. Evon, the original Amazon.

Reservation for parties may be made with the best in steaks, chickens and chops available.

The Jack Benny Program Sunday Over NBC

"Outsideof Mary, I've been with Jack longer than anybody else in the show," Don explained. "So I've been wondering when they'd get around to telling that thrilling story of how I happened to become a Benny man."

"The truth is," Benny remarked, "I'm letting the world know how and why Wilson became my announcer to break down that silly rumor that I hired him simply because he was cheap or because he laughed so hard at my jokes. The reason I wanted Don with me is very different, and the listening audience should know."

Quite inadvertently, according to last week's script, Jack opened Rochester's diary. He didn't quite finish it, so there might be another spicy chapter next week, although Mary and Phil think it's a dirty trick for Jackson to read anybody's private journal.

Larry Stevens' song will be Jerome Kern's newest "More and More."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Don DeFore will take a busman's holiday in his home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this summer. He'll do some acting in a play for the Sinclair Memorial Church's Drama Group. The balance of the cast his brother and three sisters. The director, his mother.

"Hotel Berlin" Cast Violently Anti-Nazi

There is a definite ring of authenticity in Warners' "Hotel Berlin," now playing at the Paramount, with five stars—Faye Emerson, Raymond Massey, Andrea King, Peter Lorre and Helmut Dantine—heading the cast. This is largely due to the various members of the cast who have, at one time or another, brushed up against the Nazis.

For instance, there is Helmut Dantine. Dantine learned about Nazis the hard way—from the inside of a German concentration camp. He was confined to that camp after his arrest as an officer in the Austrian army. The actor remained imprisoned for many weeks before being released on condition that he would leave at once.

Then there is Kurt Kreuger, who plays a Nazi air ace in the film. The Nazis, coming into power, had a direct effect upon Kurtz's family. They were forced to flee to Switzerland. And now the Nazis hold the family estate which was willed to Kurt when he was only eight.

Mary Albu, who makes her American screen debut in "Hotel Berlin" as Andrea King's maid, had all of the Nazis she could take—and left Germany three years ago, eventually making her way to the United States.

Two others associated with the production company of "Hotel Berlin," Peter ohlenz and Trudy All in all, the crew of "Hotel in a Nazi concentration camp. Berliner, have experienced life Berlin" was an armed camp — against the Nazis.

ITURBI HIMSELF AGAIN

Jose Iturbi, just returned from a triumphant eastern concert tour, has been signed by M-G-M for a top fetured role in "Holiday in Mexico," in which he again will portray himself. Others sharing top billing in the Joe Pasternak musical production will be Ilona Massey, Jane Powell and Xavier Cugat. It is scheduled to go before the cameras in June.

Screen Newcomer On Stardom Road

HOLLYWOOD—Audrey Totter, blonde blockbuster who came to films via the radio "soap opera" circuit, has been given a new term contract at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and assigned the second feminine lead in "For Better, For Worse," new Robetr Walker-June Allyson picture which Richard Whorf is directing.

Miss Totter, who has been called one of the most promising newcomers in Hollywood, will play a predatory Balkan aristrocrat in the story, the threat to the love idyll of Walker and Miss Allyson.

The Joliet, Ill., girl had the ingenue lead in "Main Street After Dark" as her first picture and has since had roles in "Her Highness and the Bellboy," "Dangerous Partners' and other pictures.

'Dug Worms,' Tells Film Star's Diary

HOLLYWOOD—Little screen star Margaret O'Brien, having just learned to write, is keeping a diary.

The little Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress jots down a record of her daily events in the diary each evening before retiring.

The other day her mother took a look at the diary and this was her daughter's first entry: "Had a big day today. Butch Jenkins and I dug ten worms. We want to go fishing Saturday. I wrote my name on the cast on Elizabeth Taylor's broken foot."

IT'S TRUE! that Katharine Hepburn, who did such a good job in the role of Jade in M-G-M's "Dragon Seed," is cast as a young woman who locks her heart against romance until she works with a scientist in developing a secret oxygen mask for military pilots, in M-G-M's "Without Love." This swift-moving film will soon be on the screen at Loew's.

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IT'S TRUE! * By Wiley Padan

Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy STAR in M-G-M's "WITHOUT LOVE", WRITTEN BY Philip Barry, AUTHOR of "The PHILADELPHIA STORY".

TRACY IS CAST AS A SHARP-WITTED SLEEP-WALKING SCIENTIST!

KATHARINE HEPBURN HAD TO WEAR A HEAVY OXYGEN MASK FOR LABORATORY SHOTS ...AND IT TOOK TWO WEEKS TO MAKE ALL THE SCENES

"WITHOUT LOVE" IS FELIX BRESSART'S 65th MOTION PICTURE!

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

A bill which is in Congress at this time would, if passed, make it mandatory that our youth receive compulsory military training when they reached the age of eighteen. The authors of the bill state that it is intended to prepare our nation against future wars. To other people the bill seems to have an ambiguous meaning, denoting that we are preparing for war with manpower, but not with ammunition and mechanized supplies, and certainly not with our productive facilities.

"Birdie" Rule

If our nation was in immediate danger of attack by one of our potential enemies, peace-time conscription would probably be a good thing for us, but if we keep our industrial army fully employed and keep our production lines busy, our potential enemies will have no desire to engage our country in war.

While our congressmen are preparing bills of this nature, it shows the people of this country that there is not much chance of keeping peace, no matter how many peace conferences are held.

We should have a small, highly trained army perfectly familiar with the newest developments of modern warfare. It is unwise to support such legislation and un-American to force our youth into a conscript army.

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Last Sunday, a fivesome of our good union members invaded Heather Downs for a round of golf. Melvin Schultz Lloyd Speidell and Ted Modrowski defended the fair name of Local 12 against the boys from the International staff, Curly Lichty and Howard Seren. The betting was frisky, but nobody took much of a loss. Ted was low man with an 84, and Speidell was high with at least 116 (claims he hurt his back. Hmmmph).

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Tommy Adair of the Spicer Unit says that when he was one of Toledo's promising young fighters, his manager also was promising. In fact, he promised Tommy the title. Tommy took no title so now he takes no promises.

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Sgt. Charles Jackson, son of "Pop" Jackson, of the Plaskon Unit, came home from Germany last week and paid a visit to the boys at Local 12. The sergeant is going to return to active duty soon, but not until after he completes one little more adventure—he's going to get married tomorrow. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs., I hope all your troubles will be "little ones".

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"Toots" Martin, Local 12 representative, has taken up golf as a monetary sideline. But things aren't going the way he planned. It cost him two bucks the first day out.

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Emil Lindhorst, of the Willys-Overland Unit, says that the present day crop of baseball pitchers is as good as any of those of former years, war or no war.

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Jim Alder, one of our good union members of the Auto-Lite Unit, is one of the ardent fishermen of the old north end. Jim spends much of his spare time relaxing at the sport. Another real fisherman from the same Unit is Eddie Flynn, who lives in a nice, spick and span white house in Point Place. Eddie fishes several times a week, winter and summer. Incidentally, Jim and Eddie were schoolmates some thirty-odd years ago.

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'Twas a great day for the Irish, a few months ago, when Sgt. Ed Connell, a member of the Spicer Unit of Local 12, but lately "loaned" to Uncle Sam, met his brother Sgt. Maurice Connell, former Central Catholic High School coach, on Mortai, in the Philippine Islands. Neither brother knew that the other was in that part of the world. Ed has been in the South Pacific for 38 months with the 13th Air Force.

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The officers of Region 2-B and Local 12, UAW-CIO, and also many of the members were very glad to hear that the late Roger Bresnahan was admitted to baseball's highest honor, the Hall of Fame. Bresnahan helped hundreds of young ball players, many of them present members of Local 12.

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Dan Garno, of the Spicer Unit, says that after the war, auto salesmen will just have to sit down and write out orders for new cars. I never did know an auto salesman who really did work Of course Dan was different.

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The University of Michigan baseball team has won seven out of eight games this spring, taking the measure of Notre Dame in both ends of a double header.

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The University of Michigan track team won four relay victories and added a second place in tying the 1939 record of Pittsburgh to mark the second time such a feat has been registered in the 51-year history of the famous Penn relays.

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The University of Minnesota this year has one of the best baseball teams in it's history.

MONEY FOR SPORTS

Baseball's Equipment Fund, sending balls, bats, gloves, and other paraphernalia to the armed forces, made disbursements in 1944 which amounted to $93,-432.58. Since the inception of the Fund, in 1942, it has purchased $229,723.92 worth of baseball material for the services.

Softball Teams Ready For Season Opening

Local 12 Swimming Maids

Some of the fair members of Local 12 are sown as they enjoyed a swimming period and splash party in the YWCA pool. This is to prove that the Local offers more than baseball, golf and bowling. Those shown in the picture, left to right, are: Irene Piotrowski and Clementine Glowacki, both of the Champion Unit; Eva Espen, Bernice Szymanowski, and Harriett Maseman, of the Toledo Steel Products Unit; Vicki Slawecki, lifeguard, Auto-Lite Unit; and Rose Nowicki, of the Champion Unit.

Girl's Softball Meeting

There will be a special meeting of players and managers of teams desirous of entering the Local 12 Girl's Softball League at 8:00 p. m., Friday, May 11 at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

It is planned to have a six or eight team league of members representing Units affiliated with Local 12, to be conducted on the same basis as the men's teams.

The Units are asked to send anyone interested in girl's softball to the meeting. If girls wish to play and their Unit is not large enough to sponsor a team, the committee will endeavor to place them on a team of another Unit.

Never Too Old

A lady fan called Eddie Gilliland, president of the Toledo Baseball Club late in March, and the conversation went something like this:

"When do the Mud Hens open their season at Swayne Field?"

"They play the Louisville Colonels on April 18."

"So soon? Gosh, I must get ready to tie my grandmother down."

Richard Gosser Presents Checks

Richard Gosser, Director of Region 2-B, presented a check for $100.00 to the Bowlers Victory Legion and one for $25.00 to the March of Dimes Committee, from the proceeds of the 1945 Region 2-B Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO.

The Bowlers Victory Legion is a nationwide organization, operating on a non-profit basis to provide athletic equipment for members of the United States armed forces.

Walter Madrzykowski, founder of bowling in Local 12, and a member of Brother Gosser's International staff, says that, in his opinion the Region 2-B organization is the only one of it's kind which donates money from it's tourney proceeds to the B. V. L. and to the March of Dimes Committee. The Bowlers Victory Legion is sponsored by the American Bowling Congress.

Girl's League Taking Shape

The Packard Unit is the latest to signify its intention to enter a team in the Girl's Softball League, sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO. Two other teams representing the Auto-Lite and the National Supply Units also will be entered in the league which will be supported by the Local if at least six teams are entered. The Local will furnish the umpires and the necessary equipment, except the uniforms.

Frank Puskas and Bill Emerick, co-managers of the Men's Softball League, will also direct the Girl's League in cooperation with the managers.

Venezuela is the latest country to adopt a baseball postage stamp. Colombia, Nicaragua and the United States are the other countries in the lineup. The U. S. stamp was adopted during the Centennial year of baseball.

Managers Get Supplies; Parks Are Assigned

The Local 12 Softball League will get under way at 6:45 p. m. Monday, May 7, 1945. Ten teams representing that many Units of Local 12 have been entered in the league, which contains many of the best softball players in Toledo.

A finished schedule containing three complete rounds of play has been arranged by Frank Puskas and Bill Emerick, co-managers of the league. The league play will end August 6. At the end of the three rounds the top four teams will participate in the playoffs to determine the winner of the Local 12 championship. The winners of the playoffs will be awarded a leg of the large trophy and also will be given smaller awards.

A Rules and Grievance committee was selected at the last regular meeting of the team managers. Those chosen to this committee, which will decide questions concerning the league play are; Frank Puskas, Auto-Lite Unit; Bill Emerick, Willys-Overland Unit; Frank Wekwert, Acklin Stamping Unit, Victor Irvine, Auto-Lite Unit; and Eddie Collins of the National Supply Unit.

Each team is allowed to carry 17 players and each member of the outfit must be a member of Local 12 in good standing. A new rule decided upon by the Rules and Grievance committee is that a player shall have been employed by the Unit with which he desires to play, for a period of thirty days before he is signed for the team. This rule is intended to eliminate any form of "pirating." However, each case will be acted on individually by the committee.

Playing equipment has been distributed to the team managers and practice has been started on several of the ball diamonds, assigned to the league by the city reacreation department.

Early Hunting Party

A dispute over the Michigan-Ohio boundary line, in the 1830's almost ended in conflict. Hundreds of armed men were recruited on both sides of the disputed border, and set out to do a little neighborly "hunting."

However President Andrew Jackson intervened to settle the argument and the "hunting" party was called off. Ohio won the dispute, retaining the present site of Toledo, and the so-called "Toledo War" ended bloodlessly.

The Detroit Tigers hold first place in "Uncle Sam's Circuit" for the third straight year, having sent 38 players to the armed forces.

LOCAL 12 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1945

FIRST ROUND—GAMES START AT 6:45 P. M.

MAY 7	MAY 10	MAY 14	MAY 17	MAY 21	MAY 24	MAY 28	MAY 31	JUNE 4
AUTO-LITE vs. ACKLIN STAMPING at Wilson No. 1	GORDON-MATHER vs. AUTO-LITE at Wilson No. 4	CHAMPION SPARK PLUG vs. AUTO-LITE at Highland No. 2	NATIONAL SUPPLY vs. AUTO-LITE at Willys No. 1	WILLYS-OVERLAND vs. AUTO-LITE at Willys No. 1	ACKLIN STAMPING vs. WILLYS-OVERLAND at Highland No. 2	AMERICAN PROPELLOR vs. DeVILBISS MFG. at Willys No. 1	PACKARD MOTOR vs. AUTO-LITE at Willys No. 3	DeVILBISS MFG. vs. AUTO-LITE at Willys No. 1
WILLYS-OVERLAND vs. SPICER at Willys No. 1	DeVILBISS MFG. vs. WILLYS-OVERLAND at Willys No. 3	PACKARD MOTOR vs. ACKLIN STAMPING at Wilson No. 1	AMERICAN PROPELLOR vs. ACKLIN STAMPING Willys No. 3	ACKLIN STAMPING vs. DeVILBISS MFG. at Highland No. 1	SPICER vs. GORDON-MATHER at Wilson No. 1	NATIONAL SUPPLY vs. WILLYS-OVERLAND at Beatty No. 1	ACKLIN STAMPING vs. NATIONAL SUPPLY Highland No. 2	GORDON-MATHER vs. ACKLIN STAMPING at Wilson No. 1
GORDON-MATHER vs. CHAMPION SPARK PLUG at Highland No. 2	NATIONAL SUPPLY vs. PACKARD MOTOR at Beatty No. 1	WILLYS-OVERLAND vs. AMERICAN PROPELLOR at Highland No. 1	DeVILBISS MFG. vs. GORDON-MATHER at Willys No. 1	SPICER vs. PACKARD MOTOR at Wilson No. 1	AMERICAN PROPELLOR vs. AUTO-LITE at Willys No. 1	SPICER vs. AUTO-LITE at Wilson No. 1	GORDON-MATHER vs. WILLYS-OVERLAND at Willys No. 1	SPICER vs. NATIONAL SUPPLY at Wilson No. 4
PACKARD MOTOR vs. DeVILBISS MFG. at Willys No. 3	CHAMPION SPARK PLUG vs. AMERICAN PROPELLOR Willys No. 1	GORDON-MATHER vs. NATIONAL SUPPLY at Wilson No. 4	PACKARD MOTOR vs. WILLYS-OVERLAND at Wilson No. 4	NATIONAL SUPPLY vs. CHAMPION SPARK PLUG Highland No. 2	DeVILBISS MFG. vs. NATIONAL SUPPLY at Willys No. 3	ACKLIN STAMPING vs. CHAMPION SPARK PLUG Highland No. 2	AMERICAN PROPELLOR vs. SPICER at Wilson No. 1	PACKARD MOTOR vs. AMERICAN PROPELLOR at Willys No. 3
AMERICAN PROPELLOR vs. NATIONAL SUPPLY Highland No. 1	ACKLIN STAMPING vs. SPICER at Highland No. 2	SPICER vs. DeVILBISS MFG. at Willys No. 1	SPICER vs. CHAMPION SPARK PLUG at Highland No. 2	GORDON-MATHER vs. AMERICAN PROPELLOR at Wilson No. 4	CHAMPION SPARK PLUG vs. PACKARD MOTOR at Highland No. 1	PACKARD MOTOR vs. GORDON-MATHER at Wilson No. 4	DeVILBISS MFG. vs. CHAMPION SPARK PLUG at Wilson No. 4	CHAMPION SPARK vs. PLUG WILLYS-OVERLAND at Highland No. 2

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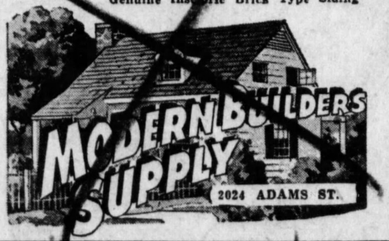

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